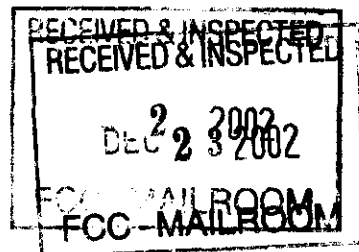


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November 1, 2002



Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8B201
445 12 St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

In Re: Proposed Universal Service Fund

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund. I urge the FCC to investigate this issue further before changing the current policy.

I currently own a wireless phone and use it strictly for safety purposes. (It's rarely used.) Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service. I strongly oppose your proposed changes because it will penalize low-volume users like me, who do not make regular interstate calls. I also oppose the fact that our government continues to force us to subsidize rural phone users without a choice.

Please stop penalizing us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori R. Gourley".

Lori R. Gourley

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